



GREAT YEAR: Mandy Thompson, Tom Wake and Mark Carr from EP Grain loading the African Kookaburra with wheat for its trip to Bangladesh.
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Big lift for grain buying group

GROWER owned grain buying company EP Grain Lincoln purchased more than 25 per cent of the grain crop on Eyre Peninsula from the last season, three times more than last season, following excellent winter rains.

EP Grain, which is 50 per cent owned by farmers on Eyre Peninsula through FREE Eyre, sends its grain, mainly wheat, barley and canola, to Asia and the Middle East, and has 52,000 tonnes of wheat heading to Bangladesh in the next couple of days.

Levels of shipping have recently increased out of Eyre Peninsula now that the Western Australia shipping slot demands are reducing on traders generally.

Grain merchant Mark Carr said

the support of the Eyre Peninsula community had helped EP Grain enormously in achieving the strong end of year results.

"We've been overwhelmed by the support of the farmers on Eyre Peninsula considering we are a fairly new company," he said.

"We've been able to send more ships out thanks to their support and it's really a reflection of our continuing partnership with them."

Mr Carr said he was hopeful of another good year especially after recent rainfall for Eyre Peninsula, which grows 40 per cent of South Australia's grain.

Some areas have recorded between 20 to 30mm of rain over the past week and hopes are high of further good falls throughout winter.